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King County Metro

Dear King County Metro,

We the undersigned are elected officials or community activists writing in our individual capacity. We are writing to express concern that the upcoming changes to Metro route 372 and Sound Transit route 522 will substantially worsen transit options for people living in these communities.

To be clear, we are avid transit supporters and want to see Metro design a system that complements Sound Transit and serves the community. Our concern is that when taking Metro and Sound Transit's changes in aggregate, service levels will suffer. Compared to today's service levels on the Bothell Way (SR522) corridor, Metro and ST's proposals will cut frequency in half and will remove all bus service that travels between Lake City and Lake Forest Park/Kenmore/Bothell (Northshore communities). There won't be a good transfer point between the new route 72 and S3 either, so passengers looking to travel between these communities will have to endure detours that add time, require crossing busy intersections, and generally make transit even less attractive compared with driving.

In addition, the SR522 corridor is becoming a food and pharmacy desert. These transit changes will exacerbate this, making it harder for Lake City residents to use transit to get to the Safeway in LFP, or Ostrom's pharmacy in Kenmore. And vice versa for LFP/Kenmore/Bothell residents trying to get to businesses in Lake City that aren't readily accessible via Link light rail.

We do want to be constructive, so we are offering a specific proposal. We can think of Shoreline (148<sup>th</sup> Street station), Northshore, and Lake City as the three legs of a triangle. So there should be a route connecting each point. In Metro's proposal, both routes 65 and 72 will connect Lake City and Shoreline, duplicating service. Sound Transit's route 522 will connect Northshore and Shoreline. So it would make sense to have Metro's route 65 to continue to connect Lake City and Shoreline while the 372 is restored to connecting Lake City and Northshore.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal, and for your work to continue to connect our communities together.

Sincerely,

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